

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:  
a spatial light modulation element including a reflection electrode;  
an illumination optical system including a polarization element and a light source, and ~~adapted~~ serving to illuminate the spatial light modulation element by the light source through the polarization element; ~~and~~  
a projection lens for forming an image of the spatial light modulation element~~[[,]]~~ ; and  
a transparent optical block disposed between the projection lens and the spatial modulation element,  
wherein the transparent optical block is adapted so that one surface includes a reflection plane surface for bending, by internal surface reflection, an optical path of illumination light extending from the illumination optical system to the spatial light modulation element, and  
wherein the transparent optical block further includes an outgoing plane surface for emitting the remainder light of illumination light extending to the spatial light modulation element via the reflection surface among light beams emitted from the illumination optical system toward the outside of incident pupil of the projection lens.  
~~wherein reflection plane surface is disposed between the illumination optical system and the spatial light modulation element, and an optical path~~

~~extending from the illumination optical system to the spatial light modulation element is bent by the reflection plane surface.~~

2. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 2.

3. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 3.

4. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:  
a spatial light modulation element including a reflection electrode;  
an illumination optical system including a polarization element, an integrator in which plural elements are arranged in a matrix form, and a light source, and serving to allow illumination light emitted from the light source to be obliquely incident ~~onto~~ on the spatial light modulation element through the polarization element and the integrator to illuminate the spatial light modulation element; ~~and~~

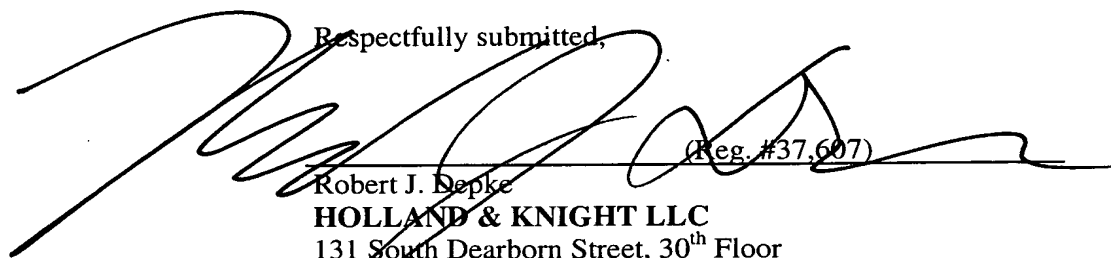
a projection lens for forming an image of the spatial light modulation element[.]; and

a reflection plane surface disposed in the vicinity of the rear end portion of the projection lens in such a manner to suppress tilt angle with respect to the spatial light modulation element of illumination light beams emitted from the spatial light modulation element, and in such a manner that modulated light beams reflected from the spatial light modulation element are not crossed.

wherein the aspect ratio of respective elements of the integrator is contracted (reduced) in a direction of tilt with respect to the spatial light modulation element of the illumination light as compared to the aspect ratio of illumination range of the spatial light modulation element.

5. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein when angle that the optical axis of illumination light emitted from the illumination optical system and display surface of the spatial light modulation element form is  $\theta$ , the aspect ratio of respective elements of the integrator is caused to be value multiplied by  $\cos \theta$  in a direction of tilt with respect to ~~direction of tilt relative to~~ the spatial light modulation element of the illumination light as compared to the aspect ratio of the illumination range of the spatial light modulation element.

Respectfully submitted,



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